1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
(xiv)	Other IPC crimes	75602	160.0	6120	28.7	18012	170.1	20	33.3
(xv)	Total cognizable crimes under IPC	133019	281.5	10631	49.9	38223	360.9	52	86.7

Note : Rate = Incidence per lakh (1,00,000) of population.
I(Incidence), R (Rate)

[English]

Purulia Arm Dropping Case

3769. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :
SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA :
SHRI ANIL BASU :
SHRI K.D. SULTANPURI :
SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) further progress made in the Purulia arms dropping case;

(b) whether an American passport holder, Martin Conrad Schneider, suspected to be a close associate of Kim Davy and involved in the Purulia arms case was arrested at Mumbai Sahar International Airport during the last month;

(c) if so, the revelations made by him in the matter; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Central Bureau of Investigation have intimated that execution reports of Letter Rogatory sent to Latvia and Bulgaria have been received. Letter Rogatory to Denmark and U.K. have been executed and Letter Rogatory to a number of other countries have been sent to the competent authorities of those countries for execution.

(b) and (c) CBI have intimated that Mr. Marten Konrad Schneider, holding United States Passport, was detained by the Sahar Immigration Police, Mumbai Airport on 17.1.1997. As per CBI, no direct or indirect evidence are available to connect him to Purulia Arms Dropping case so far

(d) The CBI are taking all appropriate action in the matter.

Modernisation of Border Security Force

3770. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to modernise the Border Security Force; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds earmarked for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Modernisation is a continuous process. Updating of technology, weaponry, vehicles, Air Wing and training for border/coastal patrolling are some of the matters on which constant attention is being given. For this purpose, trials are held and funds are allocated to keep the BSF modern and fit for its task.

Black Weeds

3771. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that large areas of forests, agricultural and waste lands in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh, Sikkim and West Bengal have been infested by the black weeds, thereby resulting into a bane to farmers, tea-gardens and foresters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to clear the said hilly areas from the black weeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The Information is being collected from the States and will be laid on the Table of the House.